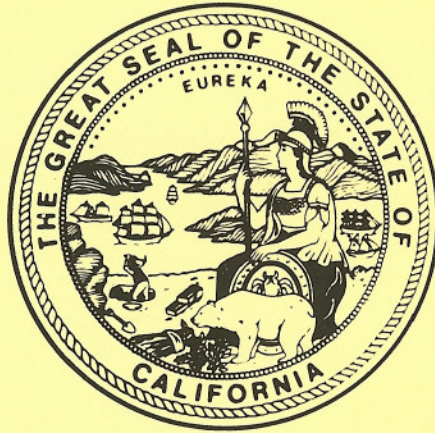


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INTRODUCTION

The California Law Enforcement Radio System (CLERS) dates back to 1952 and the old intercity law network which was a point-to-point system. During the 1970's the system was microwave interconnected and expanded statewide. All participating agencies were assigned a discrete number based on their NCIC code and could be called from anywhere in the state. The newest modification to the system is to add equipment to simplify dialing other stations and to control the statewide EBS system. This new modification is being phased in and should be completed in 1991.

We are pleased to release this first edition of the CLERS Plan and the 1989 edition of the CLERS Manual.

I. DESCRIPTION

The Office of Emergency Services has provided a microwave interconnected radio repeater system with statewide coverage. This system, the California Law Enforcement Radio System (CLERS), is designed for use by law enforcement agencies for point-to-point communications and to provide a backup warning system to all counties from the state. The Office of Emergency Services provides and maintains the statewide repeater system and microwave intertie for use by law enforcement agencies. System users are responsible for providing their own base station equipment and obtaining proper licensing from the FCC.

The CLERS is designed to provide point-to-point or dispatch-to-dispatch communications for interagency coordination among state and local law enforcement agencies. The purpose of this plan is to detail the requirements for participation in the system, the procedures for obtaining a radio license to operate, and the technical specifications of the system. Operating instructions and agency/station directory are found in the CLERS Manual.

The CLERS facilitates local or long distance calls throughout the state.

This system is also used for the State Emergency Broadcast System (EBS).

II. ELIGIBILITY

The CLERS is intended for use by law enforcement agencies to conduct police business. Numerous state agencies also are members.

Basic eligibility as defined by the FCC, Part 90.19, states in part that any state, county, city, town, and similar governmental entity including a governmental institution authorized by law to provide its own police protection, is eligible to hold authorization in the police radio service to operate radio stations for transmission of communications essential to official police activities of the licensee.

Permissible communications will be in accordance with FCC regulations, Part 90, Subpart N - Operating Requirements.

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Users wishing to operate on this system should complete the Standard Agreement Form (attached) and forward it to OES through their local OES Regional Office. The applicant contact and telephone number must be included. The Agreement will be processed and returned to the applicant. This Agreement does not authorize the use of the frequency, but only the use of the OES repeater. Each user is responsible for obtaining their own FCC base station license.

IV. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

All equipment used on the CLERS system must be FCC Part 90 type accepted. A station requires a base station and a DTMF Encoder-Decoder as minimum equipment. Please consult your OES Regional Office for information regarding the specific frequencies available in your service area.

1. The CLERS system requires a 16-button DTMF encoder to operate.
2. The decoder segment of the DTMF should be "strapped" or "wired" for your 4-digit NCIC agency code. When properly strapped and interconnected to your transmitter-receiver the dispatcher will not be bothered by transmissions on the network destined for other agencies in your prefix area.

If another agency has need to communicate with your department and transmits your assigned code the speaker on your CLERS receiver will automatically open and the other agency will call your agency.

3. All of the mobile repeaters have CTCSS installed and you may wish to operate in this mode to monitor local traffic and to communicate with the CHP. See the attached Frequency Plan Option Table for CTCSS information. All repeaters will be CTCSS controlled after January 15, 1990.
4. Complete specifications for purchasing a CLERS base station are available from OES. Please contact your regional office.

V.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO SYSTEM
(CLERS)

This Agreement, entered into this _____ day of _____, 19____, at Sacramento, California, between the State of California, hereinafter called State, and _____, hereinafter called Jurisdiction;

W I T N E S S E S :

1. Jurisdiction agrees to acquire at its own expense radio communications equipment meeting specifications established by State to operate on Police frequency(ies) _____, and to operate and maintain such equipment as provided in this Plan.
2. The equipment referred to in Paragraph 1 shall be and remain the property of Jurisdiction.
3. Jurisdiction agrees to operate and maintain said equipment in accordance with Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and operating procedures established by State, including performance, without cost to State, of an annual frequency-deviation check. In the event of any violation by Jurisdiction of such Rules and Regulations, or of any other law respecting the operation of said equipment, State may terminate this Agreement at any time.
4. Pursuant to Section 895.4 of the Government Code, and in recognition of the fact that Jurisdiction is to have the actual operating control of said equipment, Jurisdiction agrees to indemnify State and its officers and employees against any and all liability arising out of the performance of this Agreement which may be imposed on State by any law, including Section 895.2 of the Government Code.
5. The term of this Agreement commences _____, 19____, and shall be concurrent with that of the Federal Communications Commission license to be issued.
6. All notice herein provided to be given or which may be given by either party to the other shall be deemed to have been fully given when made in writing and deposited in the United States Mail, registered and postage prepaid and addressed as follows: State Office of Emergency Services, 2800 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832; and to Jurisdiction at _____.

The address to which notices shall or may be mailed as aforesaid to either party shall or may be changed by written notice given by such party to the other, as hereinabove provided; but nothing herein contained shall preclude the giving of any such notice by personal service.

7. It is mutually agreed and understood that no alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and that no oral understandings or agreements not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF of this Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the parties hereto, the day and year first above written.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Jurisdiction

Director

By _____
(Signature)

By _____
(Signature)

Name (Type or Print)

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Title

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